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PROTEIN OF NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. A response is due May 16, 2002, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Before examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- Please add new claims 170-173:

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- 170. (new) The vaccine of claim 134, which further comprises an adjuvant.
 - 171. (new) The vaccine of claim 170, wherein the adjuvant is a liposome adjuvant.
 - 172. (new) The method of claim 136, wherein the vaccine further comprises an adjuvant.
 - 173. (new) The method of claim 172, wherein the adjuvant is a liposome adjuvant.

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